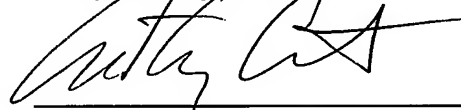


REMARKS

Applicants have rewritten Claims 1-12 and added Claims 13-17. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. The claims have been rewritten for grammatical purposes only to comply with US requirements. For example, the terms contain and comprise are synonymous, accordingly, phrases which duplicate and state an element contains or comprises something else have been rewritten to recite one or the other singly. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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